

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification at page 9, last paragraph to page 10, as follows:

The first specific embodiment of the invention is directed towards an apparatus including the NQR scanner device 16, and a temperature probe or probes 13 for sensing the ambient room temperature prior to scanning an item 14 of interest, and then scanning the item with the NQR device, compensating for the temperature of the item_ containing the substance to be detected.

In the Abstract:

The abstract of the disclosure is attached hereto as a separate page.